

# Round the Capital

Information and Gossip Picked Up Here and There in Washington.

## Congress Likely to Linger Until June 1



WASHINGTON.—In spite of the fact that the speaker a few weeks ago selected May 16 as the probable closing day of this session, Republican leaders in the senate and house express the fear that adjournment cannot be reached before June 1. It is possible that "Uncle Joe" will bring to bear the pressure he knows so well how to use and clear the docket by the time of the original schedule. However the outlook for an early ending is not now promising.

The status of the annual appropriation bills is discouraging. Of the 14 big money bills, five remain to be reported to the house, while the others are in the various stages of the journey through the house and senate and conference.

The urgent deficiency bill, which

was reported January 22, is the only one that has become a law, having been approved February 15. The Indian appropriation bill, which was reported January 27 in the house committee on Indian affairs, passed the house February 12 and passed the senate February 28 and was sent to conference March 4. The pensions appropriation bill was reported February 4 and passed the house March 17. It is now in the senate. The executive and judicial appropriation bill was reported February 11, passed the house February 17 and the senate March 21, and is now in conference.

The army bill passed the house February 29 and the postoffice bill March 13. The agricultural appropriation bill was approved by the house April 1, while the fortifications measure passed that body March 21. The District of Columbia appropriation bill was reported the other day, but will not be taken up for a couple of weeks. The diplomatic and consular bill, general deficiency, military academy, naval and sundry civil appropriation bills are in various stages of preparation previous to being reported.

## Uncle Sam to Aid in Hunting Wolves



NEGOTIATIONS are being conducted by the Michigan and federal authorities for a scientific campaign of wolf killing in the upper peninsula.

It is quite probable that within a month Vernon R. Bailey, the wolf expert in the biological survey, will go into the upper peninsula and will inaugurate the campaign. With Mr. Bailey and the officials of the biological survey, Game Warden Pierce has been in correspondence. The plan which has been considered contemplates co-operation between state and national authorities. Mr. Bailey will spend about a month on the ground, and during that time he will instruct agents of the state in the best method of catching wolf pups in dens and of trapping the old ones.

Mr. Pierce is the first of the state game wardens to seriously take up a

thorough and scientific project for ridding the upper peninsula of the pests will kill almost as many deer as, perhaps more than, all the hunters. The plans which have been formulated call for systematic work extending over approximately two years. The expectation is that the state will employ two or three men, who will become, under Mr. Bailey's instructions, expert in wolf killing. During three months of the spring they will hunt the young in dens, and during the summer they will trap the older wolves. They will be kept busy about six months of the year.

Mr. Bailey says that a very rough estimate of the number of timber wolves in the upper peninsula is 200.

The success that has followed scientific wolf killing in other parts of the country is indicated by reports from the forest reserves. The biological survey has worked with the forest service in an effort to clear the national forests of timber wolves and coyotes, and reports received by the survey indicate that between 1,400 and 1,500 timber wolves were killed last year in and near the forests, and about 19,000 coyotes.

## Glorious Triumph for Tennessee Warrior



SENTIMENT triumphed over commercialism in the house of representatives the other afternoon, and it was one glorious triumph for John Wesley Gaines, the battle-scarred legislative warrior from Tennessee.

The agricultural appropriation bill was under consideration, and Representative Burleson, of Texas, in an effort to save a few southern trees, offered an amendment providing for the removal of mistletoe from all trees in the southland on the ground that it is a parasite deadly to tree life.

Instantly there was an uproar on the floor, but Gaines emerged with a

volume of "Pickwick Papers," out of which he proceeded to read the touching chapter on the wedding party at Mr. Wardle's home, where the mistletoe permitted many an innocent liberty that might have provoked a firearms display or at least a rough-and-tumble fight under other circumstances.

Just at this juncture a message was received from the president, and Representative Longworth, of Cincinnati, was called upon to take the chair, the house previously having been in committee of the whole.

After the message was read and Mr. Longworth left the chair, Gaines called upon him to arise and testify to his experience under the mistletoe. "Nick" scarcely blushed as he made his way back to his seat, although the suggestion created laughter. Burleson's measure was defeated by a vote of 38 to 43.

## Why Congressmen Criticised Pinchot



MEMBERS of congress have been finding fault with Gifford Pinchot because he has been making the people of the country familiar with the work of the forest-saving service. The members who have criticised Mr. Pinchot are the members who are opposed to the bills which have for their object the saving of the forests on the eastern mountains.

The forest service simply has sent out publications showing the necessity for the saving of the forests, but the result has been that members who don't want to save the forests have received letters by the hundreds from their constituents telling them that they must vote for forest reserves.

Some time ago it was hard for the departments of government to get

knowledge before the public of the work that they are doing. The trouble was that the men who prepared the reports did not know anything about the popular side of the questions discussed, and as a result the newspapers to whom the reports were sent did not use them to any great extent.

Now in several departments of the government there are trained men whose business it is to take the government reports, and while preserving scrupulously every fact contained therein to present the prepared matter so that the newspapers will use it and the people will read it. The forest service and geological survey have a press service of this kind.

The reason that congressmen are hearing from their constituents is not because the congressmen are criticised, because no line of criticism does or could appear in the matter sent out. It is a case simply of interesting the people and of inducing them through their interest to write letters in support of measures before congress.

## THE LIVING ROOM. It Should at All Times Be a "Livable" Room.

What to do with the living room is a problem that confronts every housekeeper. The living room should be in fact as well as in name a living room—a livable room. It is the room in which the most of our time at home is spent, the hours we have for leisure, the time we have for play, the place where we entertain our friends and it is absolutely essential that the walls and furnishings of the living room should be harmonious in color, suitable in texture, and durable in material.

The rich, soft, solid colored walls are the ideal walls for the living rooms. They make a better background for pictures, throw the furniture out in better relief, are less discordant with rugs and carpeting, and indicate a higher degree of taste and culture than do the colored monstrosities which we paste on when we apply wall paper.

Who ever saw roses climbing up a plastered wall growing out of a hardwood floor? Yet, that is what we suggest to the imagination when we paste paper covered with roses on our walls. They are neither artistic nor true. Roses are all very beautiful, but they were never made to climb up interior walls and they do not grow from hardwood flooring. The set figures of wall paper are also tiresome and equally disagreeable and repellent.

The alabastined wall is the only correct form of a tinted or solid colored wall. Fortunately it is the only clean way, and more fortunately it is the only permanent way; the only way that does not involve the endless labor in the future.

In lighting the walls some thought must be given the color. Light colors reflect 85% of the light thrown upon them. Dark colors reflect but 15%. Lighting bills can be saved by choosing a color which will reflect the largest degree of light. In north rooms use warm colors or colors which reflect light. In south and west rooms sometimes the light can be modified by the use of darker colors. Dark greens absorb the light; light yellows reflect it; browns modify it, and so on, through the scale of colors. The color scheme of a room not only is dependent upon the color of the carpetings but it is also dependent upon the light of the room.

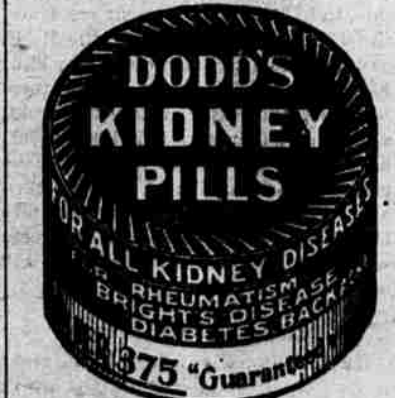
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Bobby is the son of a minister and has had the experience of "moving" four times in the space of his eight years' life. Some time ago an elderly minister was visiting Bobby's father and the course of the conversation turned to Heaven and Bobby was asked concerning the abode of the blessed. "Yes," said the youngster, with a sigh of deep weariness, "I know. It's the last place we're going to move to."

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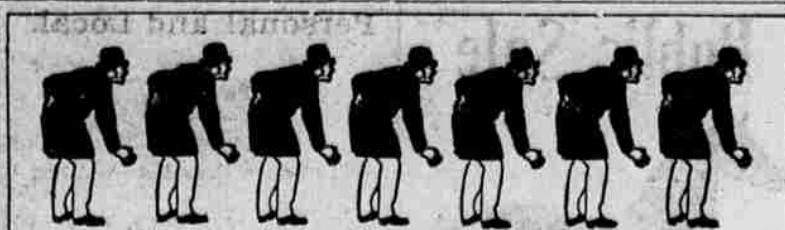
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